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THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE
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31 December 1966

SUBJECT: Annual Report, Military Division, Commonwealth of Massachusetts

TO: His Excellency John A. Volpe
Governor and Commander-in-Chief
State House
Boston, Massachusetts

I. GENERAL

1. This annual report of the Military Division of the Commonwealth for the calendar year 1966, although not required by law, is prepared for the information of the Governor and Commander-in-Chief, as well as for other public officials and the general public.

II. DESCRIPTION

2. The Military Division of the Commonwealth, organized under Chapter 33 of the General laws, comprises the entire military establishment of Massachusetts. The Governor is Commander-in-Chief, in accordance with Article LIV of the Amendments to the Constitution of the Commonwealth. The Adjutant General is Chief of Staff to the Commander-in-Chief and executive and administrative head of the Military Division which consists of the following:

- a. The State Staff.
- b. The Aides-de-Camp of the Commander-in-Chief.
- c. The Army National Guard composed of the following organizations:

Hq & Hq Det MassARNG
26th Infantry Division
102d Artillery Group
181st Engineer Battalion
241st Engineer Battalion
109th Signal Battalion
164th Transportation Battalion
1st Battalion (Nike-Hercules) 241st Artillery
101st Ordnance Company
215th Army Band
65th Medical Detachment
293d Medical Detachment

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d. The Air National Guard, composed of the following organizations:

- Hq MassANG
- 102d Tactical Fighter Wing
- 253d Communications Group
- 101st Tactical Control Flight
- 212th GEEIA Squadron
- 101st Weather Flight (Mobile/Fixed)
- 131st Weather Flight (Mobile/Fixed)

e. The Massachusetts State Guard (cadre), which will replace the National Guard in case of mobilization.

f. The Massachusetts Military Academy, the oldest State Officer Candidate School in the nation.

g. The Special Quartermaster Detachment of Armorers, composed of custodial personnel at State military installations.

h. The United States Property & Fiscal Office for Massachusetts, which stores, issues and accounts for all Federal military property.

i. The War Records Office, which maintains war records of Massachusetts residents.

j. The Armory Commission (composed of The Adjutant General, the Commanding General of the 26th Infantry Division and the State Quartermaster), which is responsible for the construction and disposition of all military facilities.

k. The Military Reservation Commission (same composition as Armory Commission), which is responsible for the operation of the Massachusetts Military Reservation (Camp Edwards and Otis Air Force Base).

III. MISSIONS OF THE MILITARY DIVISION

3. The primary mission of the Military Division is to direct, supervise, and support, in partnership with the Federal Government, the training, administration and operations of the Massachusetts National Guard, Army and Air, an all-volunteer force of citizen soldiers and citizen airmen, which performs a dual function:

a. To maintain combat readiness as reserve components of the United States Army and the United States Air Force, respectively, and, when called or ordered into active Federal service by the President, to serve as combat or combat support units of the Army and the Air Force. The Nike-Hercules battalion, the 1st Battalion, 241st Artillery, composed largely of full-time Army National Guardsmen, provides two-thirds of the air defense in Massachusetts on a round-the-clock basis, in conjunction with the North American Air Defense Command.

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b. To serve the Commonwealth on active duty, on order of the Governor or of certain county and municipal officers, in case of internal disorder, natural disaster or other emergency situations.

4. The Military Division also prepares plans for the defense of the Commonwealth, including the organization of the State Guard when required, construction and operation of military facilities, maintenance of military records and other related matters.

5. The principal mobilization mission of the Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment Massachusetts Army National Guard and the Headquarters Massachusetts Air National Guard, is two-phased: (a) in a pre-attack environment, to plan for the effective use of military manpower and resources in support of civil authority in civil defense; and (b) in the post-attack period, to control and coordinate the execution of the plan. To carry out this mission, a full-time Military Support of Civil Defense Section, supported from Federal funds, has been added to the State Headquarters Staff for the planning phase. The mobilization headquarters, designated from the members of the present Headquarters of the Army and Air National Guard, organize and train as Headquarters, Massachusetts Area Command, First United States Army, to fulfill the second phase of the mission.

IV. STATISTICS

6. The following statistics are as of 31 December 1966:

a. Strength:

	<u>1 January 1966</u>				<u>31 December 1966</u>			
	<u>O</u>	<u>WO</u>	<u>EM</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>O</u>	<u>WO</u>	<u>EM</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
MassARNG	1028	131	13,931	15,090	1041	127	13,751	14,919
MassANG	<u>238</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>1,706</u>	<u>1,955</u>	<u>229</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>1,808</u>	<u>2,047</u>
TOTAL	1266	142	15,637	17,045	1270	137	15,559	16,966

b. Employees:

	<u>1 January 1966</u>			<u>31 December 1966</u>	
State:		202	State:		202
Federal: ARNG	719		Federal: ARNG	724	
ANG	349	<u>1068</u>	ANG	353	<u>1077</u>
TOTAL		1270	TOTAL		1279

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c. Appropriations:

<u>Fiscal Year 1966</u>		<u>Fiscal Year 1967</u>	
State:	\$1,705,248.	State:	\$1,884,045.
Federal:	<u>20,819.023</u>	Federal:	<u>21,097,247.</u>
TOTAL	\$22,524,271.	TOTAL	\$22,981,292.

d. Facilities:

Land - 20,883 acres	\$4,000,000. (est.)
Facilities - 71 armories, 5 air bases, 2 depots, 58 shops & storage bldgs, 2 camps, 2 Nike-Herc Bases	<u>50,000,000.</u> (est.)
TOTAL	\$54,000,000. (est.)

e. Equipment (Federal):

Estimated value - \$81,234,490. - including:

<u>ARNG</u>		<u>ANG</u>	
Wheeled Vehicles	2525	Training Aircraft T-33	5
Trailers	1007	Trans Aircraft C-47	2
Track Vehicles	52	Fighter Aircraft F-84	52
Engr Equip	37	Individual Weapons	1,405
Machine Guns	599	Trucks	278
Artillery Weapons	241	Trans Aircraft C-54	1
Individual Weapons	15,918		
Aircraft Fixed Wing	11		
Helicopter	4		

V. DEVELOPMENTS IN 1966

7. Military Support of Civil Defense. Headquarters, Massachusetts Army National Guard, through its Military Support of Civil Defense Section, has prepared and submitted for approval to Headquarters First United States Army, Operation Plan 1 for Military Support of Civil Defense providing for the utilization of those military forces which would be available to assist civil authority in recovery efforts after an attack, including a nuclear attack, on this country. A control headquarters, composed of selected members of the Headquarters & Headquarters Detachment, Massachusetts Army National Guard, and Headquarters Massachusetts Air National Guard, is being organized. This headquarters, with The Adjutant General as the Commanding General, would be ordered into Federal service as Massachusetts Area Command to control and coordinate assistance given by military forces, active and reserve, to civil defense. An alternate command post has been established in the Commonwealth Armory to function in a fallout situation.

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8. Selected Reserve Force. This super-priority force of 150,000 National Guardsmen and Reservists, organized in 1965-1966, continues in being. The 1,500 man force in units of the Massachusetts Army National Guard have progressed satisfactorily, all units having done commendable work in passing the required Army Training Test and the required training time has been modified as a result of these tests.

a. Twelve extra training assemblies annually:

HHB 102d Arty Gp
1st Bn 211th Arty
181st Engr Bn
1059th Trans Co

b. Normal forty-eight training assemblies annually:

65th Med Det
293d Med Det

9. Army National Guard Training. a. By direction of the Active Army, all units now conduct training on the basis of one weekend a month, rather than in weekly evening meetings. This has improved attendance and realism in training, through the use of Camp Edwards, Camp Curtis Guild, Fort Devens and other outdoor training areas.

b. At field training in 1966, chiefly conducted at Camp Drum, N.Y. and at Camp Edwards, Mass., all organizations improved their combat readiness. The 26th (Yankee) Infantry Division at Camp Drum carried out excellent combined arms and battalion exercises, and the 2d Brigade of the Division carried out a superior recruit training program for 1600 recruits at Camp Edwards. All Massachusetts units were rated excellent or better by Army inspectors.

c. Annual General Inspections, conducted by First United States Army in 1966 showed a general improvement over the previous year.

d. Federal funds, totalling \$268,233. supported an extensive military educational program under which 330 officers and enlisted men attended Army Service Schools.

10. Air National Guard. The 102d Tactical Fighter Wing completed its conversion to F-84F type aircraft, and successfully passed the stringent Operational Readiness Inspection by Tactical Air Command in October 1966. In preparation for this major goal, the Wing performed annual field training at the Air National Guard Permanent Field Training Site, Otis Air Force Base, Massachusetts. The 101st Tactical Control Flight deployed to Camp Smith, Peekskill, New York, and engaged in joint training with other like type units of the parent 152d Tactical Control Group. Special note is made of the assistance given to the Camp Smith Commander in the area of forest fire fighting

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during field training. The 267th Communications Squadron (Relay Center) accompanied its parent 253d Communications Group to Fort Devens, Mass., and was a key link in a worldwide communications exercise under the control of Air Force Communications Service.

11. The Massachusetts Military Academy. a. The Military Academy graduated 127 cadets in June 1966 to be commissioned second lieutenants in the Army National Guard. The total number of graduates, since organization of the Academy in 1913 is 1,982. The Academy accepted 151 new cadets in May, the second largest number ever accepted for the 14-month course.

b. A new program for sophomore students attending four-year degree granting colleges that do not have ROTC programs was authorized during the past year. Forty-one students were accepted under this program and will be graduated in 1968 and will be commissioned second lieutenants. This coincides approximately with their graduation from college.

12. Armory Commission. a. Since 1952 Federal funds have been available for construction of facilities required by the Army National Guard as provided for under the National Defense Act of 1950 as amended. Under this act, Federal contributions to the States may not exceed 75 percent of the cost of the authorized armory construction items as provided for in current Federal regulations. These funds may be used by the State for the acquisition, construction, expansion, rehabilitation or conversion of facilities required for training, operation and maintenance of Army National Guard units. Non-armory construction projects are supported 100% Federal contribution. Non-armory construction includes those projects necessary for the administrative, logistical and field training support of Army National Guard units.

b. The deferment of the armory construction program which began in December 1964 continued through CY 1966 pending review and determination of requirements under both the present and future force structures. The Danvers and Northampton armory projects have been forwarded to the National Guard Bureau for consideration in FY 1967.

c. The Department of Defense approved a new revised comprehensive space criteria for Army National Guard armories on 4 January 1966.

d. A requirement continues to exist for replacement facilities for several of the old armories constructed prior to 1900.

e. Funds were made available in the Capital Outlay Appropriation Act for extensive renovations to the Clinton, Everett, Greenfield, Milford, Newton and Quincy armories.

f. Several plans have been advanced by interested individuals for the disposal of the Commonwealth Armory. It is anticipated that necessary legislation will be filed in CY 1967.

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g. The Armory Commission has continued to study the possibility of relocating the Air National Guard from Logan Airport to Otis Air Force Base.

h. The First Corps Cadet Armory has been sold by its private owners, necessitating relocation of the two units stationed there.

i. The Irvington Street Armory case was heard by the Supreme Court on 9 December 1966. No decision has been rendered at the close of the year.

13. State Emergency Duty. During CY 1966, the use of the National Guard for State emergency duty was limited. On 1 February, one 60KW Generator was loaned to the First Coast Guard District as standby to operate their primary radio station. There were two instances of use of National Guard units for search of missing persons: 2 June in Marlboro when the child was found dead after one hour; on 13-14 June in Attleboro, 54 persons were on duty for 27 hours assisted by one helicopter with pilot and observer, the child being found in a pond near his home.

14. State Mobilization Plans. The State emergency plan is continually being updated. During CY 1966 the State emergency radio net was updated and improved, by installation of new antenna and the addition of teletype capability on selected command stations.

15. State Guard Cadre. The selection of personnel for the inactive cadre continues through the State to the end of having selected personnel available to activate headquarters and security units if the National Guard is ordered into Federal service. An active cadre for the Headquarters Massachusetts State Guard and the 42d Security Battalion, with four Security Companies, were activated on 15 June 1966 with a total strength of 173. This cadre meets twice a month to develop procedures for expansion to full strength if required and to train key personnel to be effective.

16. Military Division Regulations. The Adjutant General's Office and Headquarters & Headquarters Detachment Massachusetts Army National Guard are continually being reorganized in the interests of a more efficient operation. One hundred percent of all directives have been updated and a system has been inaugurated to keep such directives current.

17. Economy. Although the State share of operating the Massachusetts military establishment is only one-tenth of that provided by the Federal Government, it has been possible to make certain savings in telephone and uniform costs. The matter of economy will receive continuing emphasis through the "Accent on Economy" program.

18. Strength and REP Backlog. a. Both the Army National Guard and Air National Guard exceeded their strength levels, and over 1,000 men were on waiting lists for enlistment at the end of 1966.

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b. In the Army National Guard, a backlog of 2,500 recruits have been waiting for many months for their active duty basic training, deferred because of the burden placed upon Army training centers by the Vietnam war. The Defense Department has advised that this backlog will receive their active duty training by the summer of 1967.

VI. THE OUTLOOK FOR 1967

19. Reorganization of Military Division. A personnel study, a revision of the military law and budgetary and administrative changes are required in order to bring the operation of the Military Division to optimum efficiency and economical operation.

20. Realignment of Army National Guard. It can be anticipated that by the end of 1967 the Army National Guard units will be realigned, resulting in the loss of a number of units within the Commonwealth, with an increase in authorized strength. All combat units will be in the National Guard and support type units in the Army Reserve.

21. Emergency Operations. The year 1966 has demonstrated the need for 24-hour coverage of Military Division Headquarters and increased emergency power and communications capabilities. It is essential that fallout shelters and other emergency power should be included in all new construction.

22. Armory Construction. The Armory Commission will continue to press for the release of Federal funds to permit the construction of new facilities in Danvers and Northampton. If legislation is passed, sites and plans will be required for the replacement of the Commonwealth Armory complex.

23. Military Reservation. The Commission will continue to work with the National Guard Bureau and other interested agencies to develop and expand the training capabilities of the Military Reservation consisting of Camp Edwards and Otis Air Force Base at Falmouth, Mass.

24. Army National Guard Training. With the advent of high quotas of Reserve Enlistment Program personnel being sent on Active Duty Training, starting in January 1967, it is expected that by 30 June the backlog of untrained personnel will be reduced to a minimum. This will assist materially in all units remaining at a high level of training during the coming year. Available equipment is sufficient for the training needs of all SRF units and does not have an adverse effect on this level of training. Additional items of equipment, both new and turned back equipment, from Active Army stocks have become available to MassARNG units. This will help as far as unit training is concerned. Field training dates for 1967 are as follows:

Camp Drum, New York, 13-27 May
HHB 102d Arty Gp (SRF)
1 How Bn 211th Arty (SRF)
3 Bn 211th Arty
4 How Bn 211th Arty

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Camp Curtis Guild, Reading, Mass., 17 June - 1 July
Massachusetts Military Academy
215th Army Band

Camp Edwards, Mass., 17 June - 1 July
109th Signal Bn
293d Med Det (SRF)

Camp Drum, New York, 8-22 July
26th Infantry Division
1058th Trans Co
1059th Trans Co (SRF)
164th Trans Bn
101st Ordnance Co (DS)
65th Med Det (SRF)

Camp Curtis Guild, Reading, Mass., 22 July - 5 August
HHD MassARNG (-Det)

Camp Drum, New York, 29 July - 12 August
Det, HHD MassARNG
181st Engr Bn (SRF)
241st Engr Bn

L. G. Hanscom Field, Bedford, Mass., 14-28 October
Selective Service Section, HHD MassARNG

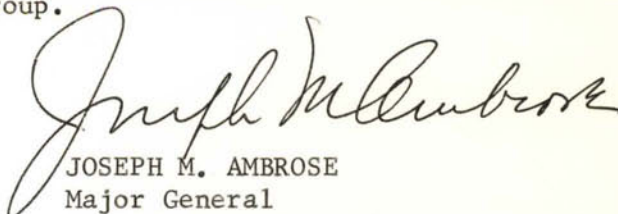
Current policy requires that all Army National Guard personnel attend field training, unless excused for medical reasons or because of beginning or completion of active duty training within 30 days of field training. Those failing to attend, as well as those missing the prescribed number of training assemblies, will be ordered to active duty for 45 days or certified for priority induction. For good cause, however, personnel may apply through unit commanders to perform field training with other units at other times than that scheduled for their own unit.

25. Air National Guard Training. It is expected that the 102d Tactical Fighter Wing will participate in Exercise FRONTIER ASSAULT, in the Alaskan Theater, during late January-early February 1967, with more Joint Exercise requirements during June and October 1967. The 212th GEEIA Squadron will commence field training in January 1967 under the year-round Texas Plan, and will work on projects at Dover AFB, Delaware; Springfield Municipal Airport, Ohio, Loring AFB, Maine; Stewart AFB, New York; McClellan AFB, California; Griffiss AFB, New York; Bolling AFB, D.C.; Selfridge AFB, Michigan; Logan ANG Base, East Boston, Massachusetts; and at home station (Worcester ANG Base, Massachusetts). Plans for the 101st Tactical Control Flight indicate possible participation in a Joint Exercise in Southeastern United States in July 1967.

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The 253d Communications Group and the 267th Communications Squadron will also participate in this Joint Exercise. Field Training will be conducted at Otis AFB, Mass., from 17 June-1 July for the 102d Tactical Fighter Group; from 24 June-8 July for Hq 102d Tactical Fighter Wing, Headquarters Massachusetts Air National Guard and 567th Air Force Band; and from 1-15 July for the 104th Tactical Fighter Group.



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The Adjutant General

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